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SUBJECT: CROATIA'S PARTICIPATION IN INT'L COMPACT WITH IRAQ
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¶1. Econ officer delivered reftel demarche to Pjer Simunovic, assistant minister, Directorate for International Organizations and Security. Simunovic was joined by Marta Nakic-Vojnovic, head of Section for Peace Support Operations, and Ivana Zivkovic Mikec, counsellor in the Directorate for International Economic Cooperation. Simunovic and Nakic-Vojnovic will represent Croatia at the ministerial in Stockholm.

¶2. Simunovic said the GOC would like to provide financial assistance to Iraq, but he does not know when they will be in a position to do so. The GOC has an ambassador to Iraq, but Simunovic said it is cost prohibitive for him to be based in Baghdad at this time. Croatia has provided other kinds of support, such as medical care for children and programs for women and minority civic leaders. Simunovic said they intend to continue to pursue such opportunities.
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